MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Government have decided on the report of the Director of Registration that it is not necessary or desirable to adopt the system of appointing additional or joint Sub-Registrars in the State. The matter will be re-examined.

(*b*) The number of petitions received by the Director of Registration during the years 1103 and 1104 was 8 and 4 respectively and an equal number was also received by the Government.

(*c*) Four.

(*d*) There is only one such pakuti *viz.*, Pullampara, which is under the jurisdiction of the Sub-Registrar, Attingal, in the Chirayinkil taluk.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): With reference to the answer to part (*d*) of the question, may I know whether the Government have any objection to placing this pakuti under the jurisdiction of the Sub-Registrar of the Vamanapuram pakuti of the Neduvangad taluk?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That has to be considered only after a reference to the Director of Registration.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government refer the matter to him?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That will be considered.

Transfer of Sub-Registrars.

228. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of the Sub-Registrars transferred by the present Director of Registration since the devolution of powers to the officers of his Department, showing their period of stay in the stations from which they were transferred, together with the reasons for their transfer?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to question No. 135, page 828 of Vol. XIII, of the Legislative Council Proceedings and Appendices VIII A to VIII C on pages 845 to 848. A supplementary statement* of the transfers of Sub-Registrars since then made is laid on the table.

Recruitment of Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

229. MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any rule in the Medical Department that those who have passed the M. B. B. S. or L. M. S. examination should not be appointed as Sub-Assistant Surgeons;

(*b*) whether any of them has been appointed as Sub-Assistant Surgeon up till now (8-11-1104);

(*c*) if no such rule exists, the reason why they are not appointed as Sub-Assistant Surgeons;

(*d*) the names of persons from among them who have applied for the posts of Sub-Assistant Surgeons;

* *Vide* Appendices XXXIV A and XXXIV B.—Pages 790 and 791.

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(*e*) whether it is not profitable to the Government and more advantageous to the people to appoint those who have passed M. B. B. S. or L. M. S. examination as Sub-Assistant Surgeons, in case they are willing to work on the pay fixed for Sub-Assistant Surgeons; and

(*f*) whether the Government will consider this question?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There is no rule; but as an established practice such persons are not appointed as Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

(*b*) None.

(*c*) The Government consider that it is not desirable to appoint graduates in medicine as Sub-Assistant Surgeons as the dignity of the profession will suffer by it, as it will, in course of time, cause discontent among the persons so appointed and as it will shut out men with L. M. P. qualifications from such posts.

(*d*) Mr. M. Mammen, M. B. B. S.

(*e*) and (*f*) In view of the answer to part (*c*) these do not arise.

Dissolution of Co-operative Societies.

230. **MR. TAMARAPALLIL KOCHUTOMMAN** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many co-operative societies in the State have been dissolved since the starting of the Co-operative Department in the State;

(*b*) how many of these are communal societies and how many non-communal ones;

(*c*) whether they will lay on the table a statement showing the assets and liabilities of those societies dissolved till now (19-11-1104); and

(*d*) how many of such societies have been till now (19-11-1104) ordered to be wound up in spite of making satisfactory statements regarding their assets and liabilities?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 94.

(*b*) 40 are communal and 54 are non-communal societies.

(*c*) The statement of assets and liabilities of 68 societies under liquidation in 1103 is given in the Annual Report of the Department for that year. Figures regarding 26 societies cancelled in 1104 would be available only when figures for the next Annual Report are totalled up.

(*d*) No societies have been ordered to be wound up on the sole ground of failure to make satisfactory statement of assets and liabilities.

The District Hospitals at Quilon and Alleppey.

231. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the number of hands in the menial and nursing staff of the Alleppey and Quilon District Hospitals bears the same proportion to the number of patients in each; and

(*b*) if not, the cause for such variation?

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